AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Title of The Invention

Please change the title of the invention as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS <u>OF CLEANING AN OPTICAL FIBER</u> ~~FOR PRODUCING AN~~

~~OPTICAL FIBER AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING THE SAME~~

In The Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 5B, it is found from the above-mentioned test result that the relation between the colorable length L and the thickness T of the laminated sheets can be represented by a first-degree equation "L [[=]] $\leq$ 54 × T − 3.4". Therefore, the specifications such as the thickness of the laminated fiber sheets (the number of laminated sheets) which are used for cleaning the optical fibers prior to coloring can be easily preset if the length of the optical fiber (colorable length L) to be colored is determined based upon the above-mentioned equation. In other words, if the length of the optical fiber which is positively subjected to cleaning is represented by L, it is preferable that cleaning should be conducted by using the fiber sheets having a lamination thickness (the number of laminated fiber sheets) which satisfies the above-mentioned first-degree equation.